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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST STAFF GROUP: SOUTH LEBANON: PRESSURE ON
THE IRAQIS

REF: TEHRAN 2798

1. TOLD FONMIN BOUTROS MARCH 23 THAT OUR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN DID NOT BELIEVE IRANIANS HAD MUCH INFLUENCE ON IRAQIS REGARDING SHIPMENT OF VOLUNTEERS AND MUNITIONS TO LEBANON. EMBASSY FURTHERMORE THOUGHT IRANIANS WOULD RESENT OUR RAISING IT WITH THEM AND SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH WOULD PERHAPS BE BEST PEOPLE TO TALK TO BAGHDAD. IN MEANTIME, IF GOL WISHED RAISE WITH IRANIANS, OUR EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT IT ASK ITS ABLE AND ACTIVE AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN TO DO SO.

2. BOUTROS LOOKED INCREDULOUS AND SAID IRANIANS WOULD NOT PAY ANY ATTENTION TO DEMARCHE FROM LEBANESE AMBASSADOR.

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PRESIDENT SARKIS, WHO ALSO PRESENT, SAID NEVERTHELESS BOUTROS SHOULD SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE AMBASSADOR AND TELL HIM TO MAKE DEMARCHE.

3. BOUTROS (WHO DOES NOT HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN LEBANESE AMBASSADORS) SAID MAYBE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO RAISE WTH ZAHEDI, WHO WAS FORMER FOREIGN

MINISTER AND MIGHT UNDERSTAND GRAVITY OF SITUATION. HE
SAID FRENCH HAD ALREADY AGREED TO WEIGH IN WITH IRAQIS
AND MAYBE THAT WOULD HELP.
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